**Voicethread**

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**http://voicethread.com**

<http://www.edtalks.org/play.php?vid=197> (Susie Vesper- National ICT Facilitator)

<http://voicethread.com> (What is a Voicethread anyway?)

**Voicethread:**

· Can link to wikispace/ blog page. You can make 3 voicethreads for free per registration.

· Great to link to topic/values, especially end assessment– finding out their own opinion or explanation

· Great links to oral and written language. They wrote it down and practiced many times before recording

 · We got parent permission for photo and voice - if permission is not given you could discuss with the parent the possibility of taking a photo of a drawing of them. We got the one child who didn’t have permission to be the photographer for the class photo in the centre

 · Get the children to take photos of each other—the photos were slow to upload onto voicethread

· We trained 4 children how to record the voices onto the laptop and they took over the job of recording the voices and changing the photos

· Gave parents the link to our voicethread to watch and discuss with their children at home—got lots of positive oral feedback. The children loved hearing their voices and sharing it with their families

 · We were very security conscience. We chose the options that…

-All comments would come directly to us rather than directly onto the voicethread site

-It doesn’t appear in searches on the site

- Just used initials, no names

**Creating Your Own Voicethread…**

**Sign In/ Register**

Click on the right hand side of screen on your e-mail address to bring up **‘ My Account’**

Add teacher identity then upload all the children’s photos – use their initials (or names if you have permission)

Click **‘Done’** once all the individual photos are in

Click on **‘Create’** tab along the top

**1 Upload** (Photo for the centre of voicethread)

Click on **‘Add a title and link’** to make a title

**2 Comments** (with a microphone picture)

## Important- The photo showing in the bottom left corner is the picture the voice will be linked to...so click on that photo to swap to the next identity.

To comment → Click on **‘Comment’** to get recording buttons

Click on **‘Record’** – wait 3 seconds before talking (aprox)

Click **‘Stop’** when done (have the cursor ready)

## Wait and it will automatically play back what was recorded.

Click **‘Save’** if you are happy with it or **‘Cancel’** to record again.

The photo of the person who has just recorded their voice will appear around the frame of the main picture.

Now change the identity by clicking on the photo down the bottom before recording the next voice.

**3 Share**

Make a link

* Can send to friends
* Link to wikispaces or blog pages
* Can change security settings i.e keep private/ review comments before others can add to it/ keep it out of the search engine.

Down bottom of page: **‘Publishing Options’**

Allow anyone to view C:\Users\amy\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XZOGL574\MCWB01114_0000[1].gif

Allow anyone to commentC:\Users\amy\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XZOGL574\MCWB01114_0000[1].gif

Moderate CommentsC:\Users\amy\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\XZOGL574\MCWB01114_0000[1].gif

Show on browse page ***X*** (This means it will not show on search engines)

**‘Menu’** then **‘Embed’** then click **‘Copy’** to copy the code it gives you to add it to wiki/ blogs etc

So on the wiki page you would go to **‘Embed Widget’** – **‘Other html’** – **‘Paste’** – click **‘Save’**

**Example of our parent permission slip:**

11 May 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In Room 3 we have been learning about ‘habitats’. We would like to use an internet based programme called ‘Voicethread’ to record the children’s voices reading their statement about ‘Where is the best place for animals to live?’. We would like to link this to the school website and let you know the link so your child can share this with you at home.

We wish to use a class photo, individual photos and the children’s voices.

No personal details will be published. The children will be identified by initials only.

As part of professional development in ICT, Mrs Elliott and Mrs Muir would also like to start a blog page, a place where we can share the work and events that have been happening in Room 3. Again we would only identify the children through initials, but would like to include photos and work samples.

Please fill in the permission slip below and return to school as soon as possible.

We will let you know when these are available on-line to be enjoyed.

Many thanks,

Mrs Kylee Elliott and Mrs Amy Muir

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I give permission for my child’s photo, voice and initials to be linked to our school website and wikispace on the internet. Yes/ No

**Example of letter sharing the voicethread link:**

02.06.09

Dear Parents,

We have been learning about animal habitats. We have been thinking about our learning question ‘Where is the best place for animals to live?’ We have recorded our voices onto an internet based programme called ‘Voicethread’.

Here is the link:

http://voicethread.com/share/517181/

It has been linked to our school wikipage under ‘juniors’ then ‘Room 3’

The link for our school wikipage is:

http://botanydowns.wikispaces.com

We hope you enjoy sharing and discussing this Voicethread at home.

Many thanks,

Mrs Elliott and Mrs Muir